(b) 3226 letters out of them have been acknowledged.

(c) Final replies have been sent in respect of 2476 letters-

(d) It is difficult to classify ail these letters into letters containing positive and negative replies alone, as a large number of these letters also provide clarifications or factual details.

Demand and supply of LPG in Bihar

5516. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to ensure smooth supply of LPG in Bihar; and

(b) the extent of demand and the supply of LPG made in Bihar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The demartd of existing consumers of LPG in Bihar who are enrolled with the distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants during extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas-

The LPG sale in the State of Bihar during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 was as under:—

	Figures in TMT
1991-92	70.1
1992-93	78.6
1993-94	86.2

LPG agencies in Uttar Pradesh

5517. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of LPG agencies in UP at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): As on 1.4.1995, 533 LPG distributorships were functioning in Uttar Pradesh.

Projects to enhance recoverable reserves of Oil wells

5518. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI N. HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI J. S. RAJU: SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHAN-DRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recoverable reserves of India's oil wells, now under production will last for only 26 years;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up any projects to enhance the recoverable reserves from the fields currently under production and those under exploration;

(c) if so: the details thereof; and

(d) the present local production of oil and how it finds short of the annual demand making India a net importer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) At the present rate of